

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1999
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Linda Steinman

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Attorney

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated December 14, 1999. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 26 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A". (19992499) (19992498)

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Congregation of Mary Queen
Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church, Lincoln District
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Southeast Nebraska Mobile Diagnostic Services Inc**

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Congregation of Mary Queen, Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church, Lincoln District, St. Mark's United Methodist Church and Southeast Nebraska Mobile Diagnostic Services Inc. and for Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church subject to the vehicle(s) being titled and registered to the applicant. On call Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for the following:

**134th & "O" Street Partnership
Rosberg Enterprises**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to set a public hearing for Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for 134th & "O" Street Partnership and Rosberg Enterprises. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

The Chair recessed the Board of Equalization meeting until 2:20 p.m. when it was reconvened.

5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY:**

Lincoln ARC Housing

The Assessor recommended setting the value at \$391,164.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to accept the Assessor's recommendation and set the value at \$391,164 for Lincoln ARC Housing. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization was adjourned.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, December 21, 1999.**

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. The County-City Volunteer of the Month Award was presented to Jody Busse for her services with the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission.**
- B. Introduction of Leon Meyer - Charlie Willnerd, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Building Committee Chair**

Charlie Willnerd, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Building Committee Chair, introduced Leon Meyer and stated he will be the Managing Director of the Events Center and the Lancaster County Fair. He said Meyer was raised in Lancaster County and farmed in Saline County for many years, however he has moved back to Nebraska from the State of Washington where he was the manager for the Kitsap County fair.

Meyer stated he was looking forward to working on the events center and with the County Board.

In response to a question asked by Campbell, Meyer stated they do have some "soft" bookings. Once a completion date is known for the Events Center they will be able to make "hard" bookings.

Meyer also stated he has numerous ideas that he is working on with Willnerd and that they hope to partner with promoters to make the Events Center and the fair successful.

Willnerd also noted that they have entered into an agreement with the Countryman family to honor their daughter, Amy, who was killed in an auto accident. He explained that Amy was very active in 4-H, specifically with equine, and that the Countryman family will donate the building materials for an outdoor riding arena and the Agricultural Society will, in turn, name the arena for Amy.

4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A contract with H. R. Bookstrom Construction Company for repair of County Bridge E-171 (Project 00-09) located on West Bluff Road between Northwest 70th and 84th Streets, in the amount of \$47,880, beginning January 3, 2000 and ending June 2, 2000. (19992494)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A contract with H. R. Bookstrom Construction Company for repair of County Bridge Y-217 (Project 00-08) located on Firth Road between Highway 43 and South 176th Street, in the amount of \$42,294, beginning January 3, 2000 and ending June 2, 2000. (19992495)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Extension of a contract with River Oaks Communications Corporation for consulting services for telecommunication regulations to January 31, 2000. The County and the City will each pay \$12,000, for a total cost of \$24,000. (19992484)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. A road maintenance agreement with Chadd Construction, Inc. along West Vine Street and Northwest 40th Street, at no cost to the County. The contract is a result of Special Permit 1816 to be on call for maintenance of the roadway. (19992501)**

Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, explained that in the City special permits are approved by the Planning Commission unless they are appealed to the City Council. He indicated that Special Permit 1816 was appealed to the City Council and that they will need to take action. DeKalb suggested that the County Board defer taking action on the agreement until the City Council makes their decision.

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to place the road maintenance agreement with Chadd Construction, Inc. on pending until further notice from the Planning Department. On call Heier, Workman, Hudkins and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. A resolution to program for construction of Lancaster County Structure 0-66 (State Structure C005515020) located near South 27th Street and Saltillo Road. This improvement is for Project C55-0-66 and will authorize the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to act for the County for program construction. (19992500)**

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Resolution 99-2500. On call Campbell, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A resolution in relation to a vacation of a portion of a County road located on Hackberry Lane in Hillcrest Heights between Anthony Lane and East Hillcrest Drive in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (19992456)**

Campbell noted that additional review needs to be conducted regarding the request prior to the County Board taking final action.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to defer action on Resolution 99-2456 until Tuesday, January 25, 2000. On call Heier, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. A loan application, in the amount of \$10,000, submitted by Jeff Priest on behalf of At Home Hearing Service, through the Lancaster County Rural Enterprise Assistance Program (REAP). (19992505)**

Troy Gagner, Urban Development, stated the application is the first individual loan through the Rural Enterprise Assistance Program (REAP). He explained that the loans generally range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and that the individual would need to exhaust other forms of financing prior to applying through REAP.

Gagner stated Jeff Priest, applicant, goes to individual's homes and provides hearing aids to them. Priest also works with retirement homes in the County, as well as in surrounding counties.

In response to a question asked by Workman, Gagner responded that a credit check was performed by Jeff Reynolds, Lancaster County REAP representative, and that it was satisfactory.

Heier inquired about the length of the process.

Gagner stated the process had taken Priest approximately 60 days.

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a purchase from a State of Nebraska contract for two, four door sedans (Dodge Stratus) for the County Assessor to Lincoln Dodge, in the total amount of \$26,466.40. (19992503)**

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. Authorization of National Bank of Commerce, as Trustee, to disburse \$68,370.84 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Sinclair Hille & Associates Inc. for the architectural services rendered in connection with the new facility. (19992502)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- J. Authorization of National Bank of Commerce, as Trustee, to disburse \$12,758.96 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather for legal services in relation to issuing the bonds. (19992504)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Campbell, Heier, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- K. Settlement of a lawsuit, in the amount of \$250, filed by Andre Smith against Lancaster County.**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval.

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the lawsuit was filed in federal court by a former employee under Title Seven of the Civil Rights Act. She stated the lawsuit was dismissed in federal court on summary judgement, however, it is currently on appeal in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Staab recommended approval of the settlement.

MOTION: Hudkins, Campbell, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

L. Settlement of a lawsuit, in the amount of \$1,500, filed by John Austin against Lancaster County.

Diane Staab, Deputy County Attorney, stated the lawsuit was a civil rights case, however, it was a 1983 action where it was alleged the County held the individual in jail longer than they should have. She stated the City was a co-defendant and they are also settling the case.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins, Staab responded that the City is settling for a larger amount of money.

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Reappointments and new appointments to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee: (19992483)

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
Mike Fritz (reappointment)	Three year term beginning January 1, 2000
Kip Hulvershorn (reappointment)	Three year term beginning January 1, 2000
Dan Ludwig (reappointment)	Three year term beginning January 1, 2000
Bruce Kennedy (new)	Three year term beginning January 1, 2000
Tom Malmstrom (new)	Three year term beginning January 1, 2000

MOTION: Heier moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Heier, Campbell, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 5) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

Lincoln City Libraries Monthly Report (19992478)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Item. On call Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mike Morosin, citizen, appeared regarding the advantages of ambulance services provided by the Lincoln Fire Department (Exhibit "A").

In response to a question asked by Hudkins regarding whether the Lincoln Fire Department can offer service beyond the City limits, Morosin stated they have mutual aid where fire departments on the edges of the City limits assist in responding to calls within the County.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk